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ALLOTMENT OF FOREST LAND
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for allotment of forest land to private parties for development;

(b) whether revenue is collected on such land by State Governments;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the forest land allotted to private parties for development, State-wise; and

(e) the revenue collected therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (e) The Government of India do not allot forest land to private parties. However, under the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, forest land is diverted for non-forestry purposes on realization of money for Compensatory Afforestation, Net Present Value of the forest and any other charges recoverable in such cases.